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ARA/CAR FOR AMBASSADOR FOX

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (YATRON, GUS)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CODEL YATRON

1. WE SUGGEST THAT CODEL YATRON VISIT TO PORT OF
SPAIN, IF IT MATERIALIZES, MIGHT WISH CONSIDER FACT-
FINDING IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

A) ROLE OF U.S. (AND OTHER MULTI-NATIONAL) COM-
PANIES IN RAPIDLY EVOLVING TRINIDADIAN INDUSTRIALIZATION
PROGRAM. IN THIS CONNECTION, SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT
TT IS UNDERTAKING ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE FOUND ANYWHERE IN SO-CALLED
"THIRD WORLD," PARTICULARLY SO IF MEASURED IN PER
CAPITA TERMS. GOTT POLICY CONCERNING ROLE (AND LIMIT-
TATIONS) OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THIS PROGRAM
MAY BE OF INTEREST OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

B) TRADE. THIS TOPIC IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO
GOTT AND WILL BECOME MORE SO AS GOTT SEEKS ACCESS TO
WORLD MARKETS TO SELL COMMODITIES PRODUCED BY ITS
ENERGY-BASED INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM. WE EXPECT
GOTT WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ITS VIEWS TO
SUB-COMMITTEE.

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C) TRENDS IN CARIBBEAN REGIONALISM. GOTT IS KEY
FACTOR IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT EFFECTIVE COOPERATION
IN CARICOM AND OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THOUGH
ITS GOALS AND PERCEPTIONS OF INTEGRATION ARE FREQUENTLY
AT VARIANCE WITH THOSE OF OTHER CARICOM MEMBERS. SUB-
COMMITTEE MAY BE INTERESTED IN HEARING GOTT'S VIEWS,

ESPECIALLY AS THEY WILL VARY SIGNIFICANTLY
FROM THOSE EXPRESSED BY JAMAICAN OFFICIALS.

D) CONTACT WITH TRINIDADIAN LEGISLATORS. PRESENCE
OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL NO DOUBT BE OF INTEREST
TO IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HERE.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

A) FEBRUARY 12, 1930 HOURS: SOCIAL EVENT AT
RESIDENCE INVOLVING REPRESENTATIVE TRINIDADIAN GOVERN-
MENT, BUSINESS, AND LABOR FIGURES.

B) FEBRUARY 13: SUGGEST FOLLOWING EVENTS, TIMING
TO DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY OF PARTICIPANTS:

I) COURTESY CALL ON SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND OTHER PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS AS APPROPRIATE;

II) MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO
DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED ABOVE. AS THESE SUBJECTS ARE
ALL THE CONCERN OF LARGELY THE SAME GROUP OF OFFICIALS,
WE BELIEVE SINGLE JOINT MEETING WOULD BE SUITABLE.
FROM PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WE EXPECT IT WOULD BEGIN
WITH PRESENTATION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

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III) MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF KEY
U.S. FIRMS, POSSIBLE OVER LUNCH.

IV) BRIEF CALL AT THE EMBASSY TO MEET THE
STAFF AND INSPECT PREMISES, PARTICULARLY REORGANIZATION
OF CONSULAR SECTION WHICH IS NOW UNDER WAY.

V) IF TIME PERMITS, PART OF AFTERNOON
COULD BE USED FOR AERIAL INSPECTION OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL
SITES NOW BEING DEVELOPED.

3. AS AMBASSADOR FOX IS NOW CONSULTING IN WASHINGTON,
WE SUGGEST HE CONTACT HIM THROUGH ARA/CAR FOR HIS
VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS.
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